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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARTIN MEIDL, an individual;

Plaintiff,

vs.

CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA,
INC., a New York Corporation; and
DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO: 2:18-cv-09201-MWF (KSx)

[Los Angeles Superior Court
Case No: BC722879]

Assigned to:
District Judge: Michael W. Fitzgerald
Magistrate Judge: Karen L. Stevenson

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

Complaint Filed: September 24, 2018
Trial Date: March 24, 2020

1 **A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

2 Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,
3 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public
4 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation
5 maybe warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the
6 Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge
7 that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to
8 discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends
9 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment
10 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth
11 in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to
12 file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the
13 procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party
14 seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

15 **B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

16 This action is likely to involve private medical and personal identifying
17 information, trade secrets, customer and pricing lists and other valuable research,
18 development, commercial, financial, technical and/or proprietary information for
19 which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other
20 than prosecution of this action is warranted. Such confidential and proprietary
21 materials and information consist of, among other things, confidential personal
22 identifying information of third parties and medical information as it relates to
23 Plaintiff in the instant action. Confidential or proprietary materials and information
24 may also include confidential business or financial information, information
25 regarding confidential business practices, or other confidential research,
26 development, or commercial information (including information implicating privacy
27 rights of third parties), information otherwise generally unavailable to the public, or
28 which may be privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under state or federal

1 statutes, court rules, case decisions, or common law. Accordingly, to expedite the
2 flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over
3 confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties
4 are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable
5 necessary uses of such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to
6 address their handling at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a
7 protective order for such information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the
8 parties that information will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons
9 and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been
10 maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it
11 should not be part of the public record of this case.

12 2. DEFINITIONS

13 2.1 Action: *Martin Meidl v. Canon Solutions America, Inc.; and Does 1*
14 *through 50, inclusive*, Case No: 2:18-cv-09201-MWF (KSx), currently pending in
15 the United States District Court Central District of California.

16 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation
17 of information or items under this Order.

18 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of
19 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection
20 under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good
21 Cause Statement.

22 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and In-House Counsel (as well as
23 their support staff).

24 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or
25 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
26 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

27 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless
28 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,

1 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or
2 generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

3 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
4 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as
5 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

6 2.8 In-House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action
7 or employees of a related entity responsible for overseeing or involved in the
8 handling of the Action. In-House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of
9 Record or any other outside counsel.

10 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or
11 other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

12 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not In-House Counsel to
13 this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and have
14 appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which
15 has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

16 2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
17 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their
18 support staffs).

19 2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
20 Discovery Material in this Action.

21 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support
22 services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
23 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
24 and their employees and subcontractors.

25 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
26 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

27 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material
28 from a Producing Party.

1 3. SCOPE

2 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only
3 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or
4 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or
5 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or
6 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

7 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the
8 trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

9 4. DURATION

10 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations
11 imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees
12 otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be
13 deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with
14 or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and
15 exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action,
16 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time
17 pursuant to applicable law.

18 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

19 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

20 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under
21 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that
22 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for
23 protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written
24 communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents, items,
25 or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably
26 within the ambit of this Order.

27 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations
28 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper

purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order, or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

(a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page that contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

(b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the deposition all protected testimony or within ten (10) days after the receipt of the transcript.

(c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions of the information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

1 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
2 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive
3 the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such material.
4 Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable
5 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this
6 Order.

7 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

8 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
9 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's
10 Scheduling Order.

11 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute
12 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

13 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on
14 the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose
15 (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may
16 expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived
17 or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall continue to afford the
18 material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing
19 Party's designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

20 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

21 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
22 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this
23 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such
24 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
25 conditions described in this Order. Recipients of Disclosure or Discovery Material
26 under this Order may use such material solely for the prosecution and defense of this
27 action and for any appeals thereto, and not for any other purpose or in any other
28 litigation or proceeding. When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party

1 must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

2 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a
3 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons
4 authorized under this Order.

5 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
6 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
7 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated
8 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

9 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action,
10 as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably
11 necessary to disclose the information for this Action;

12 (b) Independent contractors engaged by Outside Counsel of Record
13 to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
14 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

15 (c) the officers, directors, and employees of the Receiving Party to
16 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

17 (d) In-House Counsel for Defendant as well as its administrative
18 support staff to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this
19 Action;

20 (e) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
21 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
22 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

23 (f) the court and its personnel;

24 (g) the court reporters and their staff;

25 (h) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and
26 Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and
27 who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

28 (i) the author or recipient of a document containing the information

1 or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

2 (j) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses,
3 in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing
4 party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit 1 hereto; and (2) they
5 will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the
6 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise
7 agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed
8 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may be
9 separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as
10 permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

11 (k) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting
12 personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement
13 discussions.

14 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED
15 IN OTHER LITIGATION

16 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation
17 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action
18 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

19 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such
20 notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

21 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or
22 order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the
23 subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include
24 a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

25 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be
26 pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

27 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with
28 the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this

1 action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which the
2 subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s
3 permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking
4 protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions
5 should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action
6 to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

7 9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE
8 PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

9 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information
10 produced by a Non-Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.”
11 Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is
12 protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these
13 provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking
14 additional protections.

15 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery
16 request, to produce a Non-Party’s confidential information in its possession, and
17 the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the
18 confidential information, then the Party shall:

19 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the
20 Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a
21 confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

22 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the
23 Stipulated Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and
24 a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

25 (3) make the information requested available for
26 inspection by the Non-Party, if requested.

27 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court
28 within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving

1 Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the
2 discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving
3 Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to
4 the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.
5 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense
6 of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

7 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

8 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
9 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
10 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in
11 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts
12 to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or
13 persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order,
14 and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and
15 Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

16 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
17 PROTECTED MATERIAL

18 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain
19 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection,
20 the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil
21 Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure
22 may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior
23 privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the
24 parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or
25 information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the
26 parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted
27 to the court.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

13. FINAL DISPOSITION

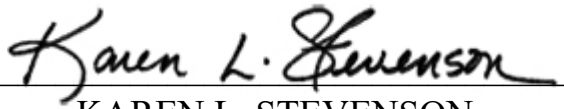
After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4, within 60 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to

1 retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing
2 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert
3 reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such
4 materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or
5 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in
6 Section 4 (DURATION).

7 14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate
8 measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary
9 sanctions.

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11 FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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13 DATED: May 20, 2019

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15 KAREN L. STEVENSON
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, _____ [print or type full name], of _____
4 [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its
5 entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United
6 States District Court for the Central District of California on [date] in the case of
7 *Martin Meidl v. Canon Solutions America, Inc.; and Does 1 through 50, inclusive*,
8 Case No: 2:18-CV-09201-MWF (KSx). I agree to comply with and to be bound by
9 all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge
10 that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature
11 of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any
12 information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person
13 or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

14 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the
15 Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated
16 Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of
17 this action. I hereby appoint _____ [print
18 or type full name] of _____ [print or type full address
19 and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection
20 with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated
21 Protective Order.

22 Date: _____

23 City and State where sworn and signed: _____

24 Printed name: _____

25 Signature: _____